

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs, built through the collaborative efforts of education partners, the workforce and economic development system, businesses, and community-based organizations, create customized training aligned with business needs to address skilled worker shortages; and,

WHEREAS, these programs provide structured onramps to long-term careers for individuals who have faced systemic barriers to opportunity by aligning training with existing workforce needs in both emerging and high-demand industries; and,

WHEREAS, through State liaisons, such as the Apprenticeship Specialists and Intermediaries, Illinois is actively seeking to remove barriers for businesses to create apprenticeship programs by streamlining the registration and curriculum-building process; and,

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week provides a chance for Illinois to celebrate the vital role that registered apprenticeship plays in ensuring that businesses and job-seekers look to this state as a benchmark for economic prosperity and robust support services;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, do hereby declare April 26 - May 2, 2026, as National Apprenticeship Week in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this SIXTEENTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.



Alexi Gianouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR